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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-5 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ellis, US 6,766,526.

Regarding claim 1, Ellis discloses a method of switching channels in a receiver (Col. 3, lines 66-67, Col. 4, lines 1-2) especially in a digital television receiver in which groups are assigned to channels (Col. 9, lines 57-58),

characterized in that a channel is manually chosen as a selected channel, a switching takes place to receive the selected channel, a previously active group is deactivated by means of a control signal, a group assigned to the selected channel is activated (when user inputs channel 14, the previous active group or the group that was on the screen is deactivated, HBO shows up with all its related channels, figure 10, Col. 8, lines 62-67, Col. 9, lines 1-5)

next, with the use of a switching function, a next or previous channel is selected, wherein the next or the previous channel is searched and the receiver is set to receive the next or previous channel by means of the control signal (Col. 9, lines 7-19).

Regarding claim 2, Ellis discloses the method of claim 1 wherein groups to be activated are defined by type of channel is manually selected, the earlier active group is deactivated, and a group of a specific type assigned to the given channel is activated (figure 11, Col. 9, lines 32-50).

Regarding claim 3, Ellis discloses the method of claim 1 wherein the channel is manually selected and wherein the activated group is selected from a list of groups (Col. 9, lines 57-65).

Regarding claim 4, Ellis discloses the method of claim 1 wherein channels not assigned to any group are added to the group of channels belonging to active groups (user selects channel 4, which is added to active list of channels shown on the screen, 128-figure 8, Col. 7, lines 45-52).

Regarding claim 5, Ellis discloses the method of claim 1 wherein the control signal simultaneously switches to receive the specific channel and the name of the group to which the channel belongs is displayed on a screen of the receiver (when the user selects a channel the name of the group appears next to the channel number, 85-figure 10 and 11).

Regarding claim 7, Ellis discloses the method of claim 6 wherein channels assigned to any group are added to groups of channels belonging to active groups (user selects channel 4, which is added to active list of channels shown on the screen, 128-figure 8, Col. 7, lines 45-52).

Regarding claim 8, Ellis discloses the method of claim 6 wherein control signal simultaneously switch to receive a specific channel and the name of the group of the specific channel is displayed on the screen of the receiver (when the user selects a channel the name of the group appears next to the channel number, 85-figure 10 and 11).

Regarding claim 9, Ellis discloses the method of claim 6 wherein the receiver is a digital television receiver (Col. 3, lines 43-45).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellis in view of Young, US 5,151,789.

Regarding claim 6, Ellis discloses a method of switching channels in a receiver (Col. 3, lines 66-67, Col. 4, lines 1-2) in which groups are assigned to channels (Col. 9, lines 57-58), characterized in that a list of active groups are defined (HBO and USA with their related channels, figure 10 and 11), and by means of a switching function, a next or a previous channel belonging to the currently active group is selected (Col. 9, lines 7-19).

Although, Ellis teaches the use of a processor to handle the selection and tuning of channels (Col. 3, lines 66-67, Col. 4, lines 1-2), Ellis fails to specifically say that a control signal switches a decoder to the next or previous channel.

In an analogous art, Young teaches by means of control signal, the decoder is switched to the next or previous channel (Col. 4, lines 54-67, Col. 5, lines 1-14). This is how channels are selected.

Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Oshta Montoya whose telephone number is (571) 270-1192. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday/Friday 7:30 to 5:00 off every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Grant can be reached on (571) 272-7294. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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